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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (PSI)

FROM : [REDACTED]
Chief of Operations (PSI)

SUBJECT : Proposed Revision of EO 10450

1. [REDACTED] has prepared a fine analysis of the problem, and I am in basic agreement with his study, which goes on record with the Office of General Counsel. Nevertheless, to be quite realistic, I think the Agency has lost the battle of the EO 10450 drafts; and it is now a situation where we have had too little substantive input, too late. Even though there have been some minor improvements in the draft, it remains a watered down suitability type document, rather than a security standards guideline to be used by Security officers in sensitive Government agencies.

2. To be quite blunt, and to keep it simple, I feel that the Office of Security should adopt the following approach:

a. Press for and insist upon a total exemption for the Agency, and hopefully the Intelligence Community, in deliberations at the Security Committee.

b. Build upon the "security standards" section of EO 11905 by putting teeth in Agency regulations, as an immediate replacement for EO 10450 within CIA.

c. Suggest that a subcommittee be established in the Security Committee, to determine whether it is feasible or advisable to come up with a new Executive Order which is truly a security document, and serves the purpose of the Security units in the various sensitive Agencies in the Intelligence Community.

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